

Remarks

Claims 1-11 and 13-19 are pending in the present application. By this reply, claims 17-19 have been added. Claims 1 and 11 are independent.

New claims 7-19 cover subject matter previously not considered by the Examiner. Thus, it is clear that the next Office Action, if given, should not be made final.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-

2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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